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Honorable William Webster Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill,

The Department of Commerce has recently completed "Space Commerce: an Industry Assessment", to be released to the public at noon today. This document is the first in what will be a series of market assessments produced by the Commerce Department to provide America's business leaders with the most current information available on the commercial space sector.

In the new National Space Policy and Commercial Space Initiative, the President calls for increased reliance on the private sector for the development of commercial space. He also states that Government impediments to private sector activity and investment in space must be removed, and that this commitment be reinforced by assuring that the Government will act as a customer, not as a competitor.

This assessment is based solely on information received after extensive research and interaction with private industry. It addresses the major space-based markets such as transportation, materials research and on-orbit facilities, and attempts to provide evaluations of the demand, services available and recent history for these markets. Please find a copy of this assessment attached for your information and reference.

Sincerely,

C. William Verity

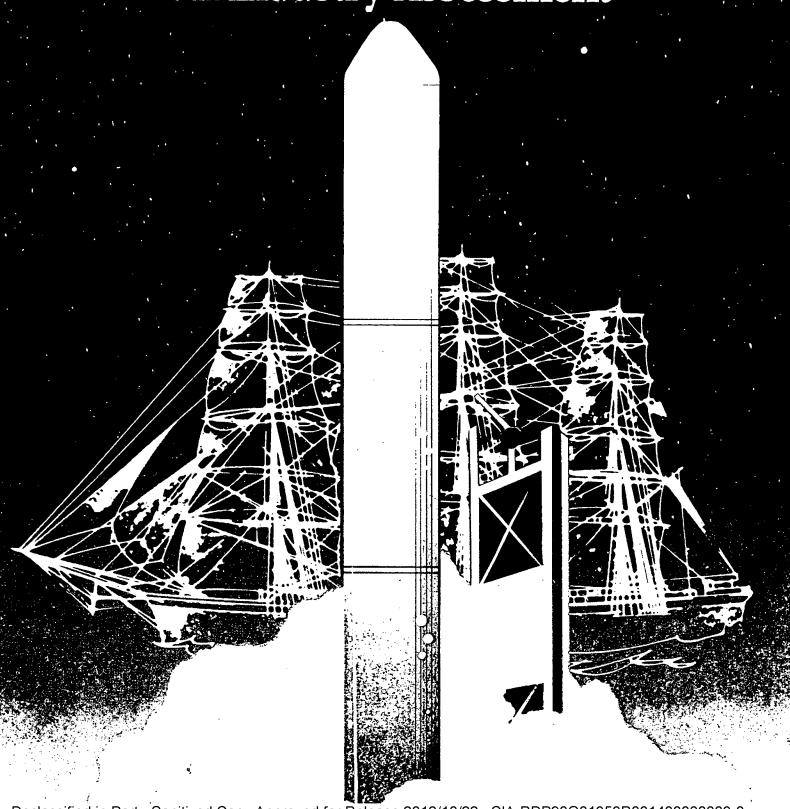
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